



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 5026

* _____ HB05026ED_APP031908 _____ *

**AN ACT CONCERNING INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOLS AND
SCHOOL READINESS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (j) (1) After accommodating students from participating districts in
5 accordance with [the] an approved enrollment agreement, an
6 interdistrict magnet school operator that has unused student capacity
7 may enroll directly into its program any interested student. A student
8 from a district that is not participating in [the] an interdistrict magnet
9 school or the interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to
10 section 10-266aa of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as
11 amended by this act, to an extent determined by the Commissioner of
12 Education shall be given preference. The local or regional board of
13 education otherwise responsible for educating such student shall
14 contribute funds to support the operation of the interdistrict magnet
15 school in an amount equal to the per student tuition, if any, charged to
16 participating districts.

17 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, [such tuition shall be in
18 an amount that is equal to seventy-five per cent of the difference

19 between the average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for
20 the prior fiscal year and the amount of any per pupil state subsidy
21 calculated under subsection (c) of this section. If any such board of
22 education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold
23 from such school district a sum payable under section 10-262h in an
24 amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the magnet
25 school and transfer such money to the fiscal agent for the interdistrict
26 magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the
27 interdistrict magnet school program. For purposes of calculating
28 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, "participating district"
29 includes districts whose students enroll directly in interdistrict magnet
30 schools pursuant to this subsection] any tuition charged to a local or
31 regional board of education by a regional educational service center
32 operating an interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal to
33 at least seventy-five per cent of the difference between (A) the average
34 per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year,
35 and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under
36 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources
37 calculated on a per pupil basis. If any such board of education fails to
38 pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold from such board's
39 town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i of the 2008
40 supplement to the general statutes in an amount not to exceed the
41 amount of the unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay such
42 money to the fiscal agent for the magnet school as a supplementary
43 grant for the operation of the interdistrict magnet school program.

44 (3) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its
45 students to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at
46 least equal to the number specified in any written agreement with an
47 interdistrict magnet school operator or in a number that is at least
48 equal to the average number of students that the participating district
49 enrolled in such magnet school during the previous three school years.

50 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
51 subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to the

52 general statutes, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30,
53 2009, the requirement that no more than seventy-five per cent of the
54 pupils attending an approved interdistrict magnet school program be
55 from a participating town and the requirement that the pupils enrolled
56 in such programs who are pupils of racial minorities, as defined in
57 section 10-226a of the general statutes, comprise at least twenty-five
58 per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the total pupil
59 enrollment shall not apply to the approved interdistrict magnet school
60 program operated by Bloomfield, provided for the fiscal year ending
61 June 30, 2008, the grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
62 section 10-264l of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, for said
63 program shall be reduced by fifty per cent.

64 Sec. 3. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the 2008
65 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
66 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

67 (2) For fiscal year ending June 30, [2008] 2009, the per child cost of
68 the Department of Education school readiness [component of the]
69 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed [six
70 thousand nine hundred twenty-five] eight thousand twenty-five
71 dollars, except that such per child cost shall be increased for the month
72 of January, 2008, and each month thereafter. The increase shall be
73 determined by the department so that the cost of the increase shall
74 equal fifty per cent of [what] the amount that the department estimates
75 on January 1, 2008, will be unspent by June 30, 2008, from the
76 appropriation for purposes of subsection (c) of section 10-16p of the
77 2008 supplement to the general statutes. In no event shall such increase
78 cause the per child cost to exceed eight thousand two hundred sixty-
79 six dollars. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section
80 10-16p of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, the Department
81 of Education shall not provide funding to any school readiness
82 provider that (A) on or before January 1, 2004, first entered into a
83 contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to
84 this section and is not accredited on January 1, 2007, or (B) after

85 January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide
86 school readiness services pursuant to this section and does not become
87 accredited by the date three years after the date on which the provider
88 first entered into such a contract.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-264l(j)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-16q(b)(2)

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